

These minutes are submitted by the Community Development Director and are not official until approved by the City of Evansville Economic Development Committee.

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Monday, June 21, 2021, 6:00 PM
Meeting held virtually

MINUTES

1. Call to Order Brooks called meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair James Brooks	P	Community Development Director Jason Sergeant
Ben Ladick	P	
Vacant	-	
Jason Knott	A	
Abbey Barnes	A	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Berg, seconded by Ladick, approved unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting and approve them as printed by Ladick, seconded by Berg, approved unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder. Brooks reminded the committee of the City’s commitments to civil discourse.

6. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items. None

7. Monthly Report

A. Community Development Updates. Sergeant shared updates on upcoming subdivisions and developments. Committee discussed upcoming areas of possible development. Sergeant shared update on Dollar General proposal.

B. Chamber of Commerce Report – Slaback shared upcoming events, including the August 19 Golf Outing and Sept 24 Ladies Night Out.

C. Tourism Commission Report: Berg shared recent updates including holiday lights committee.

8. New Business

- A. Discussion and Updates on Gold Shovel Site Certification.** Sergeant shared recent maps and updated application with final needs being rail information and utility access. Committee discussed possibilities of a TIF overlay. Recommendations are needed for council comfort level for TIF. Committee discussed price of lot and TIF would also depend on number of jobs and project scope; committee should recommend what it thinks is best for the communities' future. Sergeant will complete rail research, and reach out to MadREP to understand what other communities have done regarding incentives; A list of project types and values should be assembled to help set incentive parameters. Rutz inquired as to a cost to get an appraisal done.
- B. Community Development Director Hiring Process.** Sergeant shared those interviews are upcoming this week.
- C. Discussion and Updates Regarding Redevelopment at 155 E Main and 170 E Church.** Committee discussed master plan for areas and Allen Creek Redevelopment Plan. Development ready sites would be put together after access roadwork is done. Priority at 155 E Main is a multi-story building with lots of commercial on main level. New concept plans would go a long way in helping to market the lots.

9. Other Business. None

10. Next Meeting Dates: July 19, 2021 at 6:00pm

11. Motion to Adjourn by Berg, seconded by Rutz. Passed Unanimously.